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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

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#### Section I. GENERAL

##### 1-1. Purpose and Scope

*a.* This manual, together with its SECRET NOFORN classified supplement FM 30-31A, provides guidance on doctrine tactics, and techniques for intelligence support to U.S. Army stability operations in the internal defense environment. Its intended use is for commanders, staff officers, and intelligence specialists. It is applicable to major commands and subordinate units and will serve as guidance for intelligence planning, training, and operations (unilateral and combined).

*b.* This manual is concerned primarily with intelligence requirements in support of U.S. Army stability operations; however, it also has application to U.S. internal defense and development assistance operations where U.S. personnel advise, assist, and train host country (HC) military intelligence personnel. For this reason, the scope is not limited entirely to stability operations but includes a description of the overall internal defense intelligence system, its management, and its unique aspects of operations in the internal defense environment, including those involving collection and production agencies. A discussion of intelligence training requirements for stability operations and a proposed intelligence training program also have been incorporated in this manual.

*c.* The contents of this manual are based on the broad guidance and doctrine found in FM 100-20, FM 31-22, and FM 31-23. The manual applies primarily to Army force employment in the internal defense and internal development operational en-

vironment. FM 30-5 contains the established conventional intelligence doctrine for—

- (1) Nuclear and nonnuclear environments.
- (2) Chemical, biological, and radiological environments.

*d.* Guidance on doctrine, tactics, and techniques for intelligence interrogation, counterintelligence operations, and aerial surveillance and reconnaissance operations in support of stability operations in the internal defense environment is contained in FM 30-15, FM 30-17, FM 30-20, and FM 32-10.

##### 1-2. Changes

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##### 1-3. Definitions

The terminology used in this manual to discuss the internal defense environment and its intelligence aspects is consistent with internal defense terminology contained in AR 310-25 and FM 31-23.

#### Section II. BACKGROUND

##### 1-4. General

*a.* Recent history has been characterized by the occurrence of a hundred or more insurgencies. These insurgencies usually have taken place in developing nations as a result of World War II or in nations newly formed from colonial possessions.

Frequently, such insurgencies have been Communist inspired or have become subversive in nature as Communist elements manage to gain control of the movement and its leadership and exploit the movement for their own purposes. Any forecast of the future must consider the probable fur-